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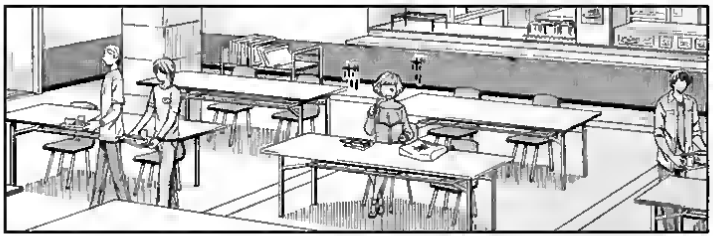
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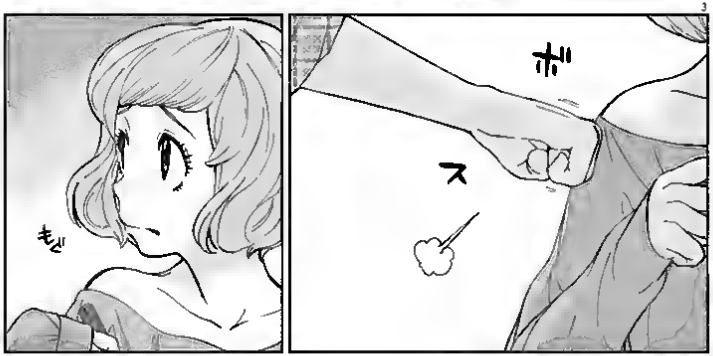
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OWW, THAT HURT, RIKKA-CHAN.
WANT TO HOST A HOTPOT PARTY, KEI-CHAN?
NOT AT MY PLACE.
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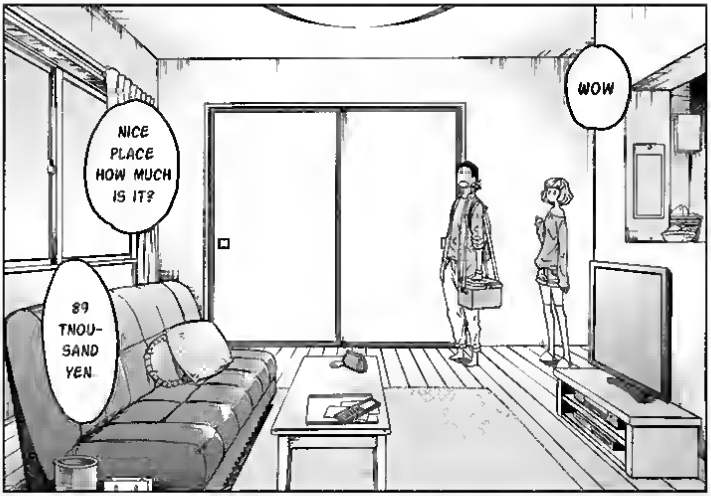
OW!

COME ON. I KNOW YOU'VE NEVER TRIED IT, KEI-CHAN
WELL, YEAH...
I JUST GOT A FRESH ARA-MAKI SALMON FROM BACK HOME.
WE COULD HAVE A SALMON HOTPOT
C'MON LET'S DO IT
PLEASE, COME ON
PLEASE?
BUT NOT AT MY PLACE!
COME ON, IT'S HOT POT!
PLEASE?
I LOVE HOW YOU JUST CAN'T REFUSE SOMEONE, KEI
..... AS LONG AS YOU DON'T MESS UP MY PLACE.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NICE PLACE HOW MUCH IS IT?
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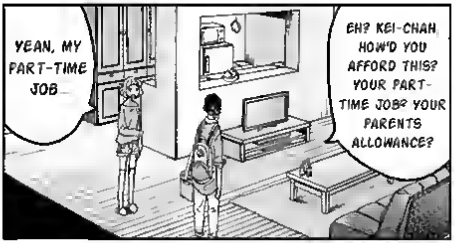
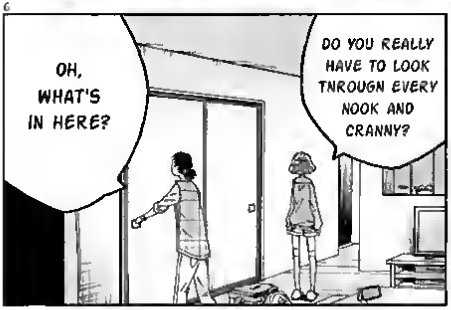

YEAN, MY PART-TIME JOB
EH? KEI-CHAN HOW'D YOU AFFORD THIS? YOUR PART-TIME JOB? YOUR PARENTS ALLOWANCE?


OH, WHAT'S IN HERE?
DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO LOOK TNROUGN EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY?

WELL OF COURSE IT DOENS'T AND HEY
DOESN'T SMELL LIKE ANY MEN HAVE BEEN IN HERE.

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DON'T GO IN THERE!!!
MY BAD.
NOSY?
GOSH, RIKKA-CHAN, YOU ARE SO.. SO..
I TOLD YOU TO STOP..
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THEY ARE HERE
EH?
STOP IT!
I'M SOOO SORRY!

AH, MY NAME'S TAKA-HASHI.
I'M WATA-NABE...
HI.
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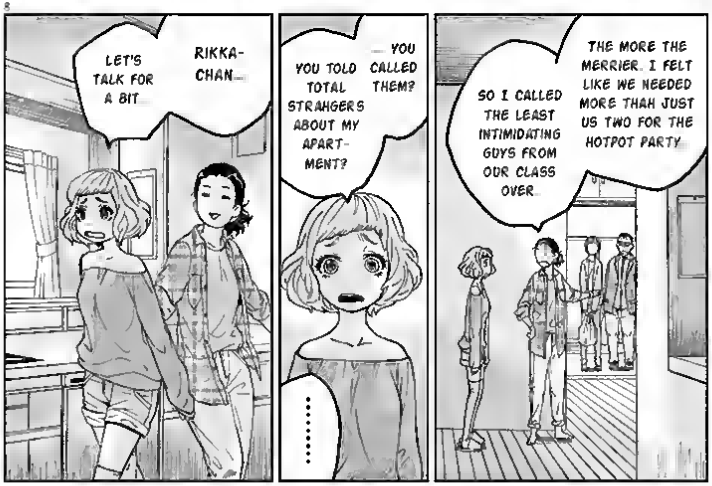
HI?


THE MORE THE MERRIER. I FELT LIKE WE NEEDED MORE THAN JUST US TWO FOR THE HOTPOT PARTY.
SO I CALLED THE LEAST INTIMIDATING GUYS FROM OUR CLASS OVER.
YOU CALLED THEM?
YOU TOLD TOTAL STRANGERS ABOUT MY APART-MENT?
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RIKKA-CHAN...
LET'S TALK FOR A BIT.

THINKING OF LEAVING ALREADY HUH WATANABE-KUN...
IT'S KIKUNO-SAN..!
THERE'S NO WAY I'M LEAVING..!
I GUESS I'LL START PREPARING THE HOTPOT THEN...
FINE..

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KIKUNO-SAN... DO YOU REMEMBER ME?
NO.
MAKES SENSE, HAHA-HAHA...
I KNOW I'M KIKUNO.
AH, I'M WATA-NABE. WE'RE IN THE SAME...
Cheers
Cheers
DON'T BE THE ONE AT FAULT IS...
SORRY FOR COMING OVER SO SUDDENLY.
I'M NOT MAD, JUST IRRI-TATED!
ARE YOU MAD?

I THINK "KIKUNO KEI" IS A GREAT NAME.
IT MEANS "VALLEY OF CHRYSAN-THEMUMS"
KIKUNO-SAN, ERM...
ARGH!!
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! UH, I...
..... HOW DO YOU KNOW MY FIRST NAME?
HOT!
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SORRY! I'M OKAY!
ARE YOU OKAY?
WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE?

I GUESS HOLDING YOUR EARS WHEN YOU GET BURNT…
…DOESN'T REALLY HAVE ANY MEANING

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HAHA-HAH…

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RIKKA-CHAN, I STILL DON'T KNOW HOW TO FEEL ABOUT YOU SOMETIMES
WHAT'S THAT SUP-POSED TO MEAN!
WHAT BETTER PLACE THAN SCHOOL IS THERE TO MAKE FRIENDS?
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER FRIENDS BESIDES ME, RIGHT, KEI-CHAN?
BUT HEY
TAKAHASHI-SAN I'M SO GLAD... I WIN THE LOTTERY EVEN THOUGH I NEVER BOUGHT A TICKET
WHAT?
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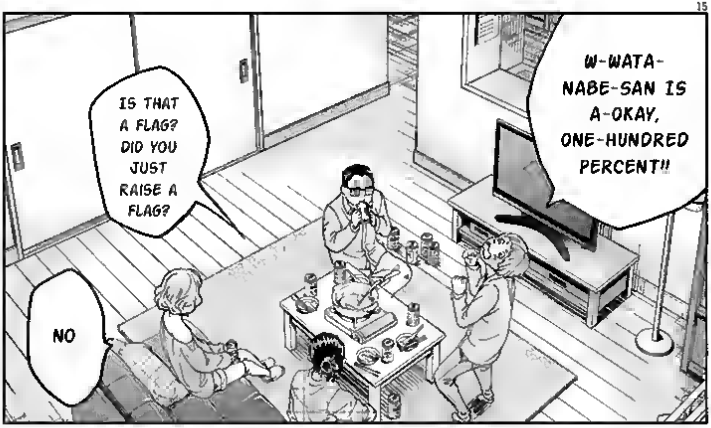
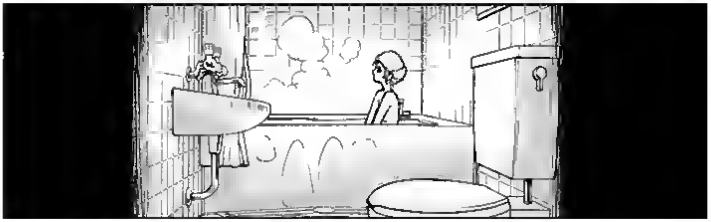
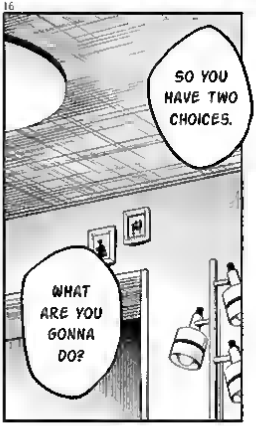
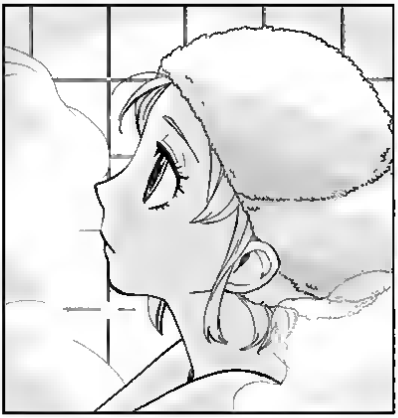
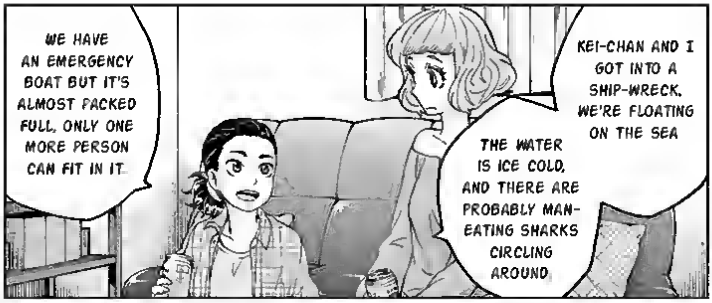
KIKUNO-SAN...
IS YOUR NAND OKAY?
HM?
IT'S FINE, THANKS
HOW ABOUT YOU, WATANABE-SAN?


W-WATA-NABE-SAN IS A-OKAY, ONE-HUNDRED PERCENT!!
IS THAT A FLAG? DID YOU JUST RAISE A FLAG?
NO

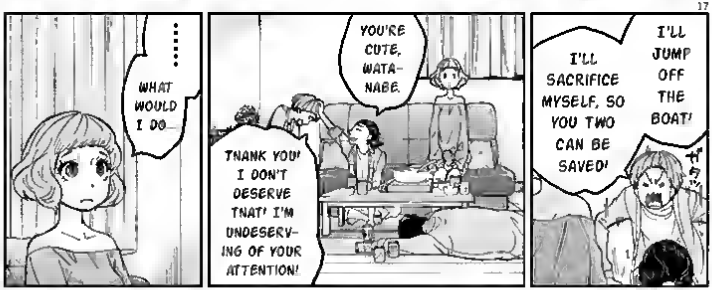



SO YOU HAVE TWO CHOICES.
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?




WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY BOAT BUT IT'S ALMOST FACKED FULL, ONLY ONE MORE PERSON CAN FIT IN IT.
KEI-CHAN AND I GOT INTO A SHIP-WRECK, WE'RE FLOATING ON THE SEA
THE WATER IS ICE COLD, AND THERE ARE PROBABLY MAN-EATING SHARKS CIRCLING AROUND

I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT YOU WOULD DO IN THAT SITUATION AT ALL.
BUT WHAT WOULD YOU DO, KEI-CHAN?
I'D DEFINITELY HOP INTO THE BOAT.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WHAT WOULD I DO...
YOU'RE CUTE, WATANABE.
THANK YOU! I DON'T DESERVE THAT! I'M UNDESERVING OF YOUR ATTENTION!
I'LL SACRIFICE MYSELF, SO YOU TWO CAN BE SAVED!
I'LL JUMP OFF THE BOAT!

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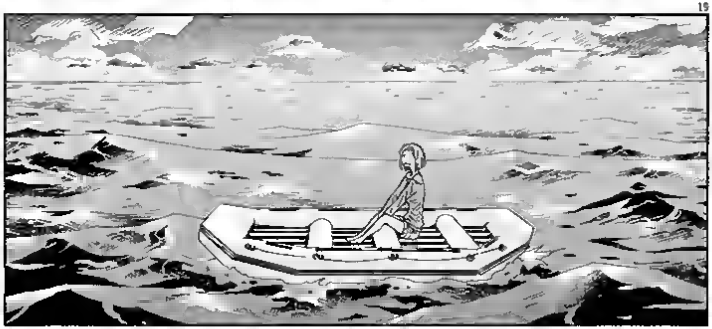

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